ment taken to ensure that IDBI funds are not improperly disbursed by the State Agencies;

(b) whether it is a fact that laxity and corruption prevail in disbursals of loans by IDBI; and

(c) if so, what further steps are being taken to supervise disbursals of loans by IDBI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Industrial Development Bank of India's assistance to State level institutions viz. State Financial Corporations (SFCs)/State Industrial Development Corporations (SIDCs) is mainly in the form of refinance assistance. IDBI makes a second appraisal in the case of all refinance proposals except those covered under its automatic refinance scheme. The refinance assistance is disbursed by the IDBI after satisfying itself regarding the disbursals by primary lending institutions. IDBI also undertakes periodic performance evaluation studies of SFCs|SIDCs and has its nominee directors on the Board of SFCs|SIDCs.

(b) and (c) As regards direct assistance by the IDBI for industrial projects, disbursements are made by IDBI on the basis of requirement of funds by the borrowers after execution of the required loan documents and after obtaining certified statements from Chartered Accountants regarding the expendiure incurred. All care is taken to avoid delays in disbursement of funds. IDBI also has a vigilance set up which maintains strict vigilance over the Officers. The Government have also been reviewing the disposal of applications by IDBI, from time to time.

Dead accounts in State Bank of India, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi

579. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 100 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th April, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the bank officials have received any complaints from customers regarding the loss of pass books or of non-operating accounts and

(b) if so, the number of complaints received and the action taken by the officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) State Bank of India has reported that during the recent past its Laxmi Nagar, Delhi branch has not received any complaints from the customers regarding non-operating accounts. It had, however, received a request recently regarding issue of a duplicate pass book in respect of a savings bank account. The duplicate pass book was issued and delivered to the complainant on the same day.

Assistance to sick industries in priority sector

580. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Bank of India is not adhering to RBI guidelines in the matter of assisting sick industries in the priority sector;

(b) what steps are nationalised banks supposed to take to assist the priority sector industries;

(c) whether any body exists for monitoring such policies; and

(d) whether any action has been taken against nationalised banks, in particular the State Bank of India for flouting RBI guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI)2. (a) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has

reported that it is not a fact that the State Bank of India is not adhering to RBI guidelines in the matter of assisting sick industries in the priority sector.

(b) Nationalised banks are required to adhere to the guidelines issued by RBI, from time to time, in respect of advances to priority sector which includes small scale industries. Under these guidelines at least 40 per cent of net bank credit should go to priority sector.

(c) and (d) State Level Bankers' Committees (SLBCs) as also District Consultative Committees (DCCs) review the performance of banks with regard to priority sector advances. At the ground level, Lead Bank for each District is required to prepare annual action plan which includes targets for priority sector. RBI also constantly reviews the performance of banks with regard to priority sector advances. Whenever any specific complaints regarding non-compliance or deviations from the guidelines are received in RBI, the matter is taken up immediately with the controlling officers of banks for immediate remedial/corrective action.

Financing of fishing trawlers

581. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Finance Ministry is presently in charge of financing fishing trawlers through the SCICI;

(b) whether any study has been conducted of the actual position in the fishing industry and its ability to sustain more trawlers;

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to estimate the need of financing more fishing trawlers;

(d) whether the SCICI will also bail out the fishing industry in case of over capacity; and

(e) the present status of trawler financing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (e) New cases of financing of fishing trawlers are being taken up by the Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India which is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Finance. Commitments entered into by the erstwhile SDFC (which has been abolished from 3rd April, 1987) would be met by the Central Government in terms of the provisions of the SDFC (Abolition) Act, 1986.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. On the basis of an appraisal conducted by Department of Agriculture and Co-operation it is envisaged to augment the deep sea fishing fleet of the country to 500 by the end of Seventh Five Year Plan.

(d) There are no indications at present that the fishing industry needs bailing out because of over capacity.

Promotion to women officers of All India Services

582. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not giving sufficient promotions to deserving women officers in All India Services;

(b) whether Government have prepared a short-list of women who have served successfully as district magistrates and thereafter given promotion; and

(c) the number of such women who have been denied promotion despite their excellent field service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Pro-